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In re Application of:)	Art Unit:	116 *
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 6, line 1, delete "any one of Claims 1-5", and insert therefor --claim 1--.

REMARKS

The above amendment to the claims is being made in order to eliminate the properly multiply dependent claim, for the purpose of reducing the filing fee. Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee in this case.